

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 through 10, 12, 13, 15, and 16 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 9 are amended herein. Claims 3, 6, 11, and 14 are cancelled herein. Support for the amendment to claim 1 may be found in claims 3 and 6 as originally filed. Support for the amendment to 9 may be found in claims 11 and 14 as originally filed. Reconsideration is requested based on the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 through 10, 12, 13, 15, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Alperovich et al., US 6,078,804. The rejection is traversed to the extent it would apply to the claims as amended.

Claim 1 recites, in pertinent part:

"said user information generation block (24) is connected to said language setting block (36) to add to said user information (40) said information related to the language that the user can understand."

Alperovich neither teaches, discloses, nor suggests adding information related to the language that the user can understand to previously set information related to a language that the user can understand, contrary to the assertion in the Office action. In Alperovich, rather, only information related to the subscriber, that is, the presumed owner of the cell phone, is stored and available for use by emergency personnel, as described at column 4, lines 5-7, 15 and 16. Subscriber data is stored ahead of time, as described at column 4, lines 46-48, and only the stored data is available for use by emergency personnel, as described at column 4, lines 50-52.

This is to be contrasted with claim 1, in which information related to the language that the user can understand may be added to previously set information related to a language that the user can understand. The user may not be the subscriber. If, for example, a speaker of Rumanian finds a cell phone on the body of a subscriber who speaks Italian and tries to call 9-1-1 with it, the Rumanian-speaker may be routed to Italian speaking emergency personnel, based on the subscriber data. Precious time may be lost while the user is connected with someone with whom he can speak. In the claimed invention, in contrast, since information related to the language that the user can understand may be added to previously set

information related to a language that the user can understand, the user of the cell phone can add information indicating that he speaks Rumanian, not Italian, and be connected to a speaker of a language with which he is familiar regardless of the language of the actual subscriber.

Furthermore, desired data such as the language preferred by the mobile subscriber is stored ahead of time, as described at column 5, lines 16-17. The subscriber information is stored on the serving MSC 30, as described at column 5, lines 44 and 45, eliminating further communication between the serving MSC and the home HLR 40, as described at column 5, lines 45-47. Thus, the information, once stored, is not modified or added to at the handset. This is to be contrasted with claim 1, in which information related to the language that the user can understand may be added to previously set information related to a language that the user can understand. Claim 1 is submitted to be allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 is earnestly solicited.

Claims 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8 depend from claim 1 and add further distinguishing elements. Claims 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8 are thus also submitted to be allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8 is also earnestly solicited.

Claim 9 recites, in pertinent part:

"adding to said user information said information related to the language that the user can understand."

Alperovich neither teaches, discloses, nor suggests adding information related to the language that the user can understand to previously set information related to a language that the user can understand, as discussed above with respect to claim 1. Claim 9 is thus also submitted to be allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 9 is earnestly solicited.

Claims 10, 12, 13, 15, and 16 depend from claim 9 and add further distinguishing elements. Claims 10, 12, 13, 15, and 16 are thus also submitted to be allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 10, 12, 13, 15, and 16 is also earnestly solicited.

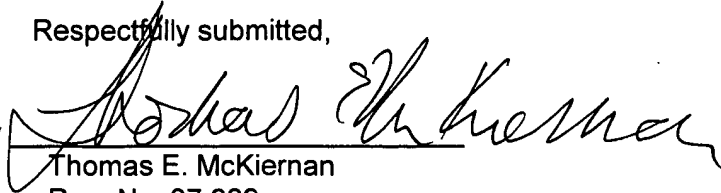
Conclusion:

Accordingly, in view of the reasons given above, it is submitted that all claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 through 10, 12, 13, 15, and 16 are allowable over the cited references. Allowance of all claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 through 10, 12, 13, 15, and 16 and of this entire application are therefore respectfully requested.

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